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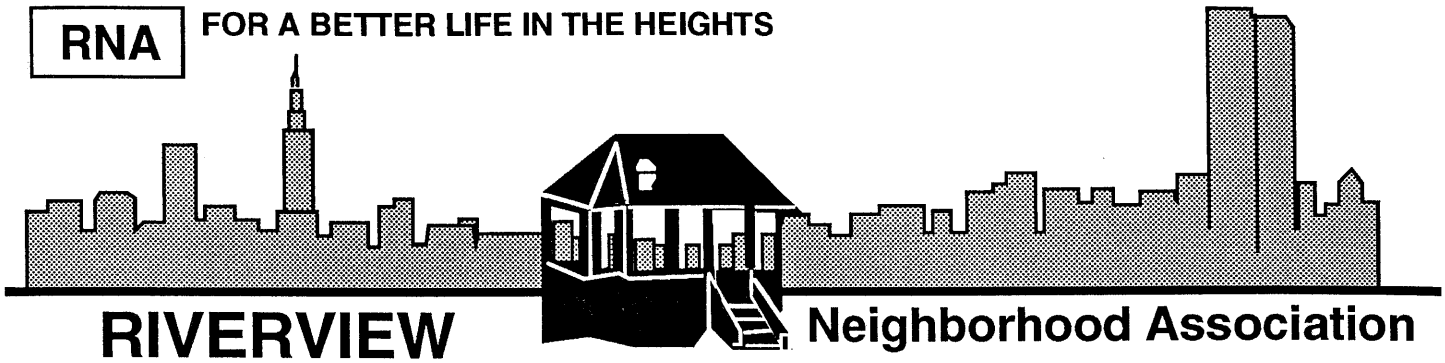

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

March,1994

232 Ogden Avenue - Jersey City, N.J. 07307 - (201) 798-0493

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THE NEW CHAIR

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW.... Enough said. Tonya Harding, no I don't think so. It's been a trying winter, but spring is around the corner with plenty of warm sunshine. Soon it will be time to organize our annual spring clean up and flea market. Now for those expecting meeting minutes. Don't bother looking because there are none - the meeting was cancelled due to more than 8 inches of snow. So we will try again on March 8th to have a regular monthly meeting.

I've been looking through seed catalogs. I can't wait to plant some flowers, vegies and trees to get in the warm weather mind set. We all need to get out, rake the leaves, start a compost pile, stir the dirt and plant away. Beautify our yards, front or back or windowsill.

Now for the ugly side of this article. This neighborhood association is made up of people who care by devoting time and effort for the betterment of our community. Unfortunately the active membership seems to be a small minority. We need to try and get more input, involvement and support from the majority of residents who just read the newsletter and nothing else.

There are a lot of issues brewing right now, such as the proposed new Dickinson High School in the Reservoir #3 and Christ Hospital's expansion plans and building agenda. Last but not least Real E$tate Taxe$.

RNA would all appreciate any effort on your part to come to our March meeting and put your two cents in. Remember if you don't give any input in our direction and decision making, don't complain about the action that others take. And as an incentive to get more new members we will have a raffle for a trip to Antigua in the Caribbean at our next meeting.(Ha, ha! Fat chance, dream on!)See you on March 8th.

Ernest Quintero, Chairman

GET WELL

Get well wishes go out to Jack Rea, our longtime RNA treasurer. Jack was recently hospitalized but is now home and recuperating nicely. We all wish him a speedy recovery and return to his RNA duties.

MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 1994

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Most people do not realize that to keep a neighborhood association going requires participation of the members. Part of that participation is in the form of dues. Our annual membership fee is $5 per person. Not a lot of money when you consider that this entitles you to nine issues of our newsletter, and if you live within the boundaries, voting privileges in RNA. Please support your association by paying your dues. Bring your dues to the next meeting, or make your check payable to RNA and mail to 232 Ogden Avenue. We need and appreciate your support.

The Executive Committee

PARK DEDICATION

On March 9th, Jersey City and RNA will honor Ted Conrad in the City Council chambers. The City Council will issue a proclamation dedicating Riverview-Fisk Park to this gentleman for his long time efforts in protecting and overseeing its upkeep. All our neighbors, members and friends are invited to attend this ceremony at 6:00 PM on Wednesday the 9th.

COMING EVENTS MARCH 8th

RNA MEETING: THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:15 PM
AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

1) **Nominations** for the **1994 -1995 RNA Executive Officers** will be opened

2) Preparations for **RNA FLEA MARKET** and **ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP**

3) UPDATE on the Heights Coalition

CONRAD'S CORNER

Changing from coal and oil to gas heat in the last thirty years has had a profound effect on the air quality of our area. An increase in water temperature of twenty degrees from the local power houses supplying power along the water front, gave us the balmy weather in winter we have had in Hudson County for the past thirty years.

Closing down the power house after thirty years and using the cold water of Niagara to produce electricity (which is cheaper, but does not contribute heat to the water) has raised havoc along the waterfront and left us with the coldest winter in thirty years. Our heating bills to overcome the cold waters of Niagara have tripled and given the power companies the biggest bonanza they ever dreamed of.

Using the power of Niagara during the summer could cut out the dog days, but using Niagara during the winter months is a great mistake. Causing untold hardship for our senior citizens, now paying twice the rate in taxes of Berlin, Germany. Something is wrong here, what happened to our old Democratic politicians, did they all become Republicans over night? They should know how to take care of changing weather conditions by this time, or at least try to do something about it.

Theodore Conrad

MY OPINION

February as you know was Black History Month and a good chance to be reminded of how our country and communities are racially divided. Who should we hold responsible? Was it the previous generations - maybe they didn't know better. But we as the present generation should know better. To put it mildly, it is shameless to not work for the quality of life for all. We can only learn from the past. We can't change it but we can change the course we're on now.

Which brings me to my point. Jersey City is a multi-cultural City. Our local community is multi-cultural. Since the neighborhood association should reflect that , I feel that not enough of these groups are represented. Where are these people and why do they not attend our meetings? Should we be doing more to make everyone feel that communication will be open? This is not a private organization. I would like to think that all are welcome and are needed.

But they still stay away. Its hard to believe that only a few in a neighborhood this size have the time to volunteer for neighborhood functions. Imagine the difference it would make if everybody would volunteer for one little thing, just 4 hours out of their year to do something, what a difference that would make. At least come to the meetings as often as possible.

The thought occurred to me that neighborhoods are made of different families living very close together. Yet I live in fear of my neighbor. We are worlds apart. I urge everyone to get involved and help increase the size of our neighborhood association. We are not on a private island. Lets get to know our Neighbors this summer.

Russell Pratt

News From Ward D

(The following is a letter from our Ward D Councilman Bill Gaughan.)

One of my most important campaign promises was to upgrade the quality of life and bring back the pride to the Heights. I assure you that I intend to keep this promise and work diligently for a clean, healthy and safe city. In realizing this possibility, I have gathered information concerning important Jersey City telephone numbers for services, maintenance and emergencies.

Many of our constituents, I am convinced, are not aware of the Autonomous and city agencies, including phone numbers to people to contact and extensions pertaining to complaints. With this information, an immediate direct contact is possible and hopefully the problem will be addressed and eventually resolved.

On the other hand, if a satisfactory response is not received, our office will be more then pleased to follow up upon request. My staff, which includes my aide, Tom Dolan and three secretaries; namely, Joanne, Tracy and Miriam will under all circumstances, act and advise me accordingly.

The secretaries and myself are located in City Hall and can be reached at 547-5204 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM - five days a week. Tom Dolan may be reached at 547-5476 in our office located at 325 Palisade Avenue (next to the local A& P).

(The list of phone numbers is printed on page four of this newsletter.)

MINUTES (continued)

Heights Artist Unite

For the past several summers, Jersey City and Hoboken have conducted studio tours exhibiting their local artists and their work. Unfortunately, the Heights has not been part of these tours.

What draws an artist to a certain area? Architecture, space, the view, other artists in residence - many of the things the Heights are made of. Cultural events can do many things for the overall spirit of a community. Sometimes it feels like living in a forgotten land.

Well it's time to let Jersey City know we're here. There is plenty of space available here for group art shows, art galleries, dance reviews, music concerts, plays or expressing yourself in any manner possible.According to Robert Henry: "Art is not merely a way of making a living, but a way of living a life."

If you are interested in beginning an Artist Coalition or know someone who might be, contact Russell Pratt at 201-222-2887. Lets find out what is available to us, together.

10TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

It is never to early to plan for our Annual Flea Market. This will be the tenth year RNA is sponsoring this event. This year's date will be Saturday, June 4th and if necessary a raindate of June 11th. If you can help in anyway, please come to the March 8th meeting and make yourself and your ideas known to us.

The Flea Market Committee

MINUTES (continued)

February meeting cancelled on account of the snow!

March

The winds of March are upon us.
Spring can not be far behind, neither is the tax man.
But soon the flowers will be blooming
and all will be wonderful,
buds will sing and so will I.
Looking forward to the greenery of "God's" country.

Madeline Tuzzo Rea

Most gulls don't bother to learn more than the simplest facts of flight - how to get from shore to food and back again. For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than any thing else, Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved to fly. Richard Bach

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWS LETTER

RNA is soliciting material for our newsletter. We are interested in anything you as our readers are interested in. Would you like to thank someone? Maybe you would like to complain about something. How about suggestions to help improve our neighborhood or City?

There's always a recipe, whether it is a family heirloom or something you just found out about. Creative writing is always wanted - whether it is a poem, a short story or memory about a local event or person.

The deadline for the next RNA Newsletter is Monday March 28th. Either mail or drop off articles in mail box at 171 Ogden Avenue. Please mark envelope "RNA Newsletter".

Advertise in the RNA News

Yard sales, situations wanted, business advertisements, etc. Call for rates. 201-222-2887.

COMMUNITY POLICING IS A PARTNERSHIP

Community policeperson Officer Andrew Lancelotti attends RNA monthly meetings to find out about any local problems or concerns of the neighborhood. He encourages all citizens to talk to him either during the public portion of the meeting, or if necessary, in private.

In addition, if there is a more immediate problem,he can be reached on duty by calling the north district desk at 547-5350 or 5359. Leave message for him and he will return the call as soon as possible.

Crime Watch 547-5477

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Apology to Advertisers

The RNA Newsletter staff apologizes for not including the advertising page in the February, 1994 issue. The advertisements will be extend for an additional month.

The Executive Committee

Linoleum cut of 444 Palisade Avenue (circa 1930) by Kathy Packard (1992). 444 Palisade is the present residence of Kathy Packard Brickey and Greg Brickey.

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LIST OF IMPORTANT AGENCIES AND PEOPLE TO CONTACT FOR HELP

City Hall - Mayor's Aide, Kevin Sluka, Unresolved Complaints 547-5554
Bill Gaughan 547-5204 - Tom Dolan, Aide 547-5476 (Palisade Avenue Office)
Secretaries - Joanne, Tracy, Miriam - 547-5204 - Office Hours Mon./Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Board of Health - 547-5168-69-70
Rodent Control - Fran Nardone
NOTE: Several days after complaint is reported, call back between 3:30 & 4:00 PM in the event you desire direct information from the Investigating Inspector.

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Violations Complaints -
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of Dwellings
Claribel (Cookie) Ross 547-4672

PARKS & FORESTRY - 547-4449
Tree Trimming/Dead Tree Removal -
Marlene Mahoney
Swings in Parks/Equipment Repairs -
Rhonda Oliver

PUBLIC WORKS
Bldg. & St. Maint.
Pot Hole Complaints
John Yurchak 547-4903
John Moersdolf 547-4434

SEWERAGE AUTHORITY 432-2929
General Complaints
Joe Beckmeyer - 432-1150
Specific Complaints - 432-2929
Cleaning Sewers - Eileen Krupa
Loose Manhole Covers Tom Malloy
Sewer Plate Covers " "
Smelly Sewers " "
Water in Basement " "
Broken Water Mains " "

J.C. INCINERATOR AUTHORITY - 432-4645
Recycling Information Ext. 38 - Dianne Markowitz
Snow Removal from sidewalks Ext. 38
Recycling Pick-Up Ext. 37
Garbage Pick-Up Ext. 37
Graffiti Information Ext. 27
Environment Compliance " 23

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547-5263 (Private) 547-5350 (Front Desk
Narcotics Drug Activity
Sargeant Ed Gillen 547-5389
Beeper No. 662-5618

Radio Room - 8 Erie Street 547-5477
Community Relations 547-5418
Records Division - Erie St. 547-5313

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING - General Office 547-4470
Patricia Blake 547-4492 Lynn DeCarlo 547-4226

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Request for Red Lines to be painted
Improved Street Lights on Poles
Traffic Studies
Request for Street Closings near Schools
Traffic Lights not working properly
Traffic Lights on Kennedy Blvd. Call HUDSON COUNTY POLICE 915-1300

ZONING OFFICE - Tony Lambiase 547-4832 or 547-6564
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Request for permission to build carports within the City Ordinance.
Invistigate illegal parking in areas not zoned for the occasion.
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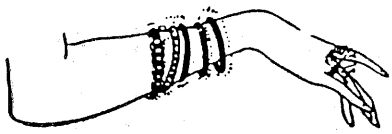

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NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL RNA ELECTIONS

The nominations for the executive offices of RNA will be opened during the March 8th meeting. Candidates for the offices of Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt-at-Arms will be accepted. These names will be published in the April issue of the newsletter. At the April meeting, the nominations will be closed and the vote taken. Please attend the March and April meetings so that we may have maximum participation of our membership.

Eligibility requirements for voting for officers includes annual membership dues of $5.00 and a residence within the RNA boundaries. The RNA boundaries extend from Ogden Avenue to Palisade Avenue and from Cuneo Place to Congress Street.